

ORIGINAL

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF THE)
CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA BY ITS)
MUNICIPALLY OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITY,)
CRAWFORDSVILLE ELECTRIC LIGHT &)
POWER, FOR A CHANGE IN ITS ASSIGNED)
SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES ON U.S.G.S.)
FACET I-15 TO INCORPORATE AN ANNEXED)
AREA PURSUANT TO IC 8-1-2.3-6(1))

CAUSE NO. 43441

APPROVED: MAR 12 2008

RESPONDENT: TIPMONT RURAL ELECTRIC)
MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION)

BY THE COMMISSION:

Aaron A. Schmoll, Administrative Law Judge

On February 20, 2008, the municipally owned electric utility of the Crawfordsville, Indiana ("City" or "Petitioner") filed its Verified Petition with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") seeking, as provided in Indiana Code Section 8-1-2.3-6(1), to change its assigned service area boundaries to include the entirety of an annexed area located in Montgomery County, Indiana. The annexed area is located within the service area assigned to Tipmont REMC ("Tipmont" or "Incumbent").

Based upon the evidence and applicable law, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. **Commission Jurisdiction.** The City owns and operates an electric distribution utility furnishing retail electric service to the public. Pursuant to Indiana Code Section 8-1-2-1(h), Petitioner qualifies as a "municipally owned utility," and both Petitioner and Incumbent qualify as "electricity suppliers" pursuant to Indiana Code Section 8-1-2.3-2(b). The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties to this Cause.

Pursuant to Indiana Code Section 8-1-2.3-6(1), a municipally owned electric utility may petition the Commission to change its assigned service area to include an annexed area beyond its assigned service area by filing its petition not later than sixty (60) days after the annexation becomes effective. The Verified Petition states that Ordinance No. 34-2007 became effective on February 4, 2008. Accordingly, the Commission finds that the Verified Petition was filed not later than sixty (60) days after the annexation became effective and, therefore, the Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Cause.

2. **Annexation.** The City of Crawfordsville, Indiana adopted and approved Ordinance 34-2007 on October 15, 2007, annexing into the City a tract of land, located adjacent and contiguous to the corporate boundary line of the City. Ordinance No. 34-2007 was published in the *Crawfordsville Journal Review* on October 29, 2007, and pursuant to Indiana

Code 36-4-3-7 became effective on February 4, 2008 after publication and upon the completion of the filings, as set forth in Indiana Code 36-4-3-22(a).

Pursuant to Indiana Code Section 8-1-2.3-6(1)(A), a certified copy of the annexation ordinance, which must be filed with the petition, serves as conclusive evidence that the area has been lawfully annexed and is a part of the municipality. Petitioner included a certified copy of Ordinance 34-2007 with its Petition and, accordingly, the Commission finds that the area has been lawfully annexed and is a part of the City of Crawfordsville, Indiana.

3. Payments To Be Made by a Municipally Owned Electric Utility To an Incumbent Electricity Supplier.

A. Payment of the Value of the Incumbent Electricity Supplier's Electric Utility Property Devoted to Furnishing Retail Electric Service Within the Additional Assigned Service Area.

Indiana Code Section 8-1-2.3-6(1)(B) provides:

Not later than thirty (30) days after filing a petition under this subdivision, the municipally owned electric utility shall determine for each affected incumbent electricity supplier and pay to that supplier an amount not less than the value of all the electric utility property of the incumbent electricity supplier that is devoted to furnishing retail electric service within the additional assigned service area at its then reproduction cost new depreciated value.

Pursuant to Indiana Code Section 8-1-2.3-6(1)(B), we find that within thirty (30) days of filing its Petition, Petitioner should determine and pay Incumbent the reproduction cost new depreciated value of all electric utility property devoted to retail electric service within the portions of the annexed areas that fall within Incumbents' assigned service areas.

B. Payment of Severance Damages.

In addition to the payment required above in paragraph 3A, Indiana Code Section 8-1-2.3-6(1)(B) provides:

In addition, the municipally owned electric utility shall pay the incumbent electricity supplier severance damages in an amount equal to:

- (i) the value of the incumbent electricity supplier's distribution and substation facilities dedicated to and located within the annexed area or relocated by reason of the annexation or an amount equal to two and one-half (2½) times the incumbent electricity supplier's gross revenues from electricity sales in the annexed area during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date the annexation ordinance became effective, whichever is greater; plus
- (ii) if additional permanent service locations or service accounts are established in the annexed area during the five (5) year period

beginning on the effective date of the annexation ordinance, one-tenth of one cent (\$0.001) for each kilowatt hour of electricity sold to each of those permanent service locations or service accounts for sales that occur during a five (5) year period beginning on the date each service location or service account is established, up to a maximum of one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) kilowatt hours per service account or service location for each monthly billing period.

However, the municipally owned electric utility is not required to pay severance damages under item (ii) if, at the time each annual payment otherwise would accrue, it is purchasing all of its requirements for electric power and energy, except for generation directly provided by the municipally owned electric utility or by a customer, from the incumbent electricity supplier. Severance damages must be paid not later than thirty (30) days after the end of each calendar year in which severance damages have accrued. The municipally owned electric utility and incumbent electricity suppliers shall cooperate to calculate the amount of any severance damages and shall furnish to each other all information and records reasonably necessary for the determination and verification of severance damages. If the municipally owned electric utility and incumbent electricity suppliers cannot agree on the amount of severance damages the municipally owned electric utility is to pay, the commission shall determine the amount and order payment in accordance with this clause. Not later than twenty (20) days after making a payment, the municipally owned electric utility shall certify to the commission and to any affected incumbent electricity supplier that it has paid the amounts required under this clause.

We find that Petitioner should pay Incumbent an amount equal to two and one-half (2½) times Incumbent's gross revenues from electricity sales in the annexed area during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding February 4, 2008.

Pursuant to Indiana Code Section 8-1-2.3-6(1)(B)(ii), we find that if new permanent service locations or service accounts are established in the annexed area during the five (5) year period beginning on the effective date of the annexation ordinance, Petitioner should pay Respondent severance damages of one-tenth of one cent (\$0.001) for each kilowatt hour of electricity sold to each of those permanent service locations or service accounts for sales that occur during a five (5) year period beginning on the date each service location or service account is established, up to a maximum of one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) kilowatt hours per service account or service location for each monthly billing period. However, severance damages pursuant to Indiana Code 8-1-2.3-6(1)(B)(ii) shall not be payable by Petitioner to Incumbent if, at the time each annual payment otherwise would accrue, Petitioner is purchasing all of its requirements for electric power and energy, except for generation directly provided by the municipally owned electric utility or by a customer, from Incumbent.

4. Approval of Requested Change to Assigned Service Area. Indiana Code 8-1-2.3-6(1)(A) provides: "After the filing of a petition under this subdivision, the commission shall promptly enter an order changing the assigned service area facet maps of the municipally owned electric utility and incumbent electricity suppliers to include the annexed area within the

assigned service area of the municipally owned electric utility and giving the right to serve and immediate possession to the municipally owned electric utility.” The Commission accordingly finds that Petitioner’s assigned service area should be changed to include the entirety of the annexed area as described in the certified copy of the annexation Ordinance filed herein.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION that:

1. The Verified Petition filed in this Cause to change the assigned service area of the City of Crawfordsville’s municipally owned electric utility to include the entirety of the annexed territory described in the certified copy of the annexation Ordinance filed herein is approved, and said municipally owned electric utility shall have the right to serve and immediate possession of said annexed area.

2. The assigned service area of the Petitioner and Respondent is changed to include the entirety of the annexed area within the assigned service area of Petitioner and, within thirty (30) days of the date this Order is approved, Petitioner shall coordinate with Commission Technical Staff to update the service territory mapping system to reflect the modified service area boundaries approved by this Order.

3. Petitioner shall pay Respondent the amounts as described above in Finding Paragraph 3 of this Order.

4. Not later than twenty (20) days after making a payment under Indiana Code 8-1-2.3-6(1)(B), Petitioner shall certify to the Electricity Division of the Commission and to Incumbent that it has paid an amount required under Indiana Code 8-1-2.3-6(1)(B).

5. In accordance with Indiana Code 8-1-2-70, Petitioner shall pay the following charge within twenty (20) days from the effective date of this Order to the Secretary of the Commission, as well as any additional costs that were or may be incurred in connection with this Cause:

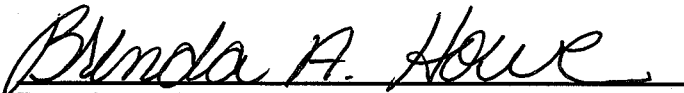
Commission Charges:	\$ 95.21
OUCG Charges:	<u>\$ 51.11</u>
Total:	\$146.32

6. This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

HARDY, GOLC, LANDIS, SERVER AND ZIEGNER CONCUR:

APPROVED: MAR 1 2 2008

**I hereby certify that the above is a true
and correct copy of the Order as approved.**



**Brenda A. Howe
Secretary to the Commission**